



U.S. Senator Judd Gregg, Chairman

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Gregg To Lead Task Force on Health Care Accessibility and Affordability *Task Force to Focus on Uninsured and Rising Costs*

Washington, DC — Today Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-TN) tapped Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions to head a task force focused on the issue of health care accessibility and affordability. Specifically Senator Gregg and the task force will concentrate on the rising number of uninsured and the high cost of health care.

“Over 43 million Americans are uninsured at some point this year. Health insurance premiums are at a ten-year high. Statistics like these are too often quoted without action to back them up. Majority Leader Frist has asked me to lead this task force and I intend to look at all possible solutions, including those on the table and new ideas that have yet to be considered. The chance that there will be a silver bullet solution is slim, but with a concerted effort we should be able to make progress on this important issue that is impacting more and more Americans,” said Gregg.

“Recent data suggests that the makeup of our nation’s uninsured is as diverse as America itself. Those without health insurance are young and old, employed and unemployed, prosperous and poor. The high cost of health care is causing too many Americans to forgo health insurance. Any solutions we come up with need to match up with these facts,” said Gregg.

“The Senators who have been asked to serve on this task force all share a commitment to reducing the number of uninsured and ensuring that health care is affordable and accessible here in America. I look forward to working with them,” said Gregg.

Task Force Members:

Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), Chairman
Senator John Cornyn (R-TX)
Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY)
Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA)
Senator Orin Hatch (R-UT)

Senator John Kyl (R-AZ)
Senator Don Nickles (R-OK)
Senator Jeff Sessions (R-AL)
Senator Olympia Snowe (R-ME)
Senator Jim Talent (R-MO)

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